Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 15716·82 acres.

(*b*) 16 blocks.

(*c*) 1st, 4th and 6th *tharam* for dry lands and 12th and 13th *tharam* for wet lands.

(*d*) Yes. One block (R Block-Third Period)

(*e*) On soil analysis it was seen that this block was not in any way superior to the adjoining blocks which are assessed to a lower *tharam*.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: When was this change effected?

Mr. K. George: By G. O. dated the 21st April 1932.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: Have the Government received any representation for the change of the *tharams* of the remaining blocks also?

Mr. K. George: Yes, recently.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: May I know the action that has been taken on such representation?

Mr. K. George: As I said, it was very recent; the matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: Has the Land Revenue Commissioner visited these blocks?

Mr. K. George: Yes, recently.

Appointment of Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar as Assistant Survey Superintendent.

32. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:-

(*a*) when the present Survey Superintendent took charge of that office;

(*b*) whether the Superintendent has recommended one Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar to the place of the Assistant Superintendent; if so, when; and what are his technical qualifications;

(*c*) whether the Government have appointed him as Assistant Survey Superintendent, if so, on what date and on what salary;

(*d*) how long the Survey Department has been without an Assistant Survey Superintendent;

(*e*) whether Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar was employed in any other place; if so, where and what was his salary when he was recommended for the Assistant Survey Superintendent's place and; what is the extent of his service there;

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(*f*) whether any application of Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar has been forwarded to this Government through the head of the department wherein he was employed ;

(*g*) whether they have called for information regarding his antecedents ; and if so, what they are ;

(*h*) whether they have ascertained why he is leaving his former service ;

(*i*) how old is Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar now ;

(*j*) whether it is a fact that he is suffering from elephantiasis on his legs and also from rheumatic complaints ;

(*k*) whether the Assistant Superintendent of Survey has to do surveying and field work on the hills and mountainous tracts of the State ;

(*l*) what is the sanctioned scale of pay for the office of Assistant Survey Superintendent and what is the pay proposed to be given to Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar ;

(*m*) What are the terms under which Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar is proposed to be appointed as Assistant Survey Superintendent and the period for which he is to be so appointed ; and

(*n*) whether this Government are to bear the pension charges of Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar for the period of his foreign service?

Mr. K George: (*a*) 4th Tulam 1109.

(*b*) Yes ; on 1-11-1933/16-3-1109. His technical qualifications are:—

(1) Madras Survey Sub Assistant's Test.
(2) Madras Revenue Test.
(3) Madras Executive Officer's Account Test.
(4) Madras Criminal Judicial Test.

(*c*) Yes from 9-11-1109 on a starting pay of Rs. 240.

(*d*) From 4-3-1109 to 8-11-1109, both days inclusive.

(*e*) He was officiating Sub-Assistant Director of Survey, Madras Survey Department, drawing a salary of Rs. 205 in the scale of Rs. 175-10-275. He has put in 17 years of service there.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes ; his antecedents were reported to be good.

(*h*) No ; he has not left his former service.

(*i*) 41 years

(*j*) It is reported that he is not suffering from either of the diseases.

(*k*) Yes.

(*l*) Rs. 200-20-300 : Rs. 240 in the scale.

(*m*) For a period of one year, subject to the following terms:—

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[Mr. K. George.]

(1) He will be given a starting pay of Rs. 240 in the scale of Rs. 200-20-300.

(2) He will be allowed T. A. and free medical aid under the rules in force here.

(3) Government will pay to the Madras Government on his behalf contribution on account of his leave salary and pension at the varying rates prescribed under Fundamental Rule 116.

(*n*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*m*) above.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the answer to part (*j*) of the question was based on any medical examination?

Mr. K. George: No medical examination is necessary to say whether a person is suffering from elephantiasis.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: The answer to part (*j*) speaks of some report. May I know whose report it is that is referred to in the answer?

Mr. K. George: The report of the Survey Superintendent.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Has the Land Revenue Commissioner seen this officer?

Mr. K. George: Yes, I have seen him.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the special reason why this gentleman was got down from British India when we have trained Tahsildars here?

Mr. K. George: His special fitness for the work and his experience in Survey.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know who decided his fitness?

Mr. K. George: Government, on the report of the Survey Superintendent.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Had the Survey Superintendent any previous acquaintence with this gentleman?

Mr. K. George: He says he has. He says that he had occasion to work with him for about 6 months in connection with the verification of our boundaries.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Has this officer at any time been deputed, after his appointment here, to inspect the boundaries of the State?

Mr. K. George: No, not yet.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is he to be sent out for that work?

Mr. K. George: If the exigencies of service require that, he will have to do it.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In that case, do the Government think that this Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar will be faithful to both his masters, *viz.*, the Government of Travancore and the Government of British India?

President: That is a question of opinion.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What was the qualification of the previous Survey Superintendent, Mr. K. R. Krishna Pillai?

Mr. K. George: I cannot say that now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What is the technical qualification of the present Survey Superintendent?

Mr. K. George: I cannot say.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there are other qualified men in the Survey Department?

Mr. K. George: There are, but not suitable for this post.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: Are there not persons with better technical qualifications in the department than Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar?

Mr. K. George: I do not think there is.

Senior Head Surveyor in the Survey Department.

32. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Senior Head Surveyor in the Survey Department;

(*b*) how long he has been holding that appointment;

(*c*) what are his technical qualifications; and

(*d*) what is the total length of his service both in this State and outside and what is his pay now?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) There is no appointment in the Survey Department bearing the designation 'Senior Head Surveyor'. But among the four Head Surveyors in the department, Mr. K. Venkatachalam Aiyar is the senior most.

(*b*) From 5-5-1106, if the member has in view Mr. K. Venkatachalam Aiyar.

(*c*) (1) Madras Head Surveyor and Sub-Assistants' Test.

(2) Deputy Surveyors' Test Examination.

(3) Certificate of the International Correspondence Schools, Ltd., London.

(4) Diploma of corporate membership of the institution of British Engineers, Windsor House, Westminister, London, S. W. 1.

Items (3) and (4) are not recognised by the Government.

(*d*) He has put in a service of 22 years and 7 months in the department. Government have no information about his service outside. His present pay is Rs. 90.

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